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On 25 October 1993, the last day of the cease-fire agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan and at a time when H.E. Margaretha af Ugglas, Chairperson in Office of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) was paying a visit to the region in order to promote a dialogue between the interested parties, Armenian forces initiated a new and large-scale attack on the Azerbaijani district of Zengelan and the town of Horadis.

As a result of this new Armenian aggression, the city of Zengelan remains besieged by Armenian forces. Alarming reports indicate that the inhabitants of Zengelan, in addition to tens of thousands of Azeris who have been encircled near the Iranian border, are desperately striving to evacuate the city in order to reach safer areas.

This new Armenian aggression is another blatant violation of Security Council resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993) and 874 (1993), which call upon the parties to make effective and permanent the established cease-fire and demand the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of the occupying Armenian forces from Azerbaijan.

The latest Armenian attacks, which further aggravate a very tense situation in a region neighbouring Turkey, constitute a serious threat to international peace and security and these recurrent acts of aggression bring the current situation closer to a regional conflict.

It has now become clear that, despite serious warnings of the Security Council and all the efforts of the CSCE Minsk Group, Armenia persists to control more than 20 per cent of the Azeri territories that it has occupied and is determined to continue its aggressive policy against Azerbaijan.

In the light of these alarming developments, on behalf of my Government, I request the Security Council to convene urgently in order to take effective enforcement measures to stop the Armenian aggression against the Azerbaijani Republic and to secure the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of Armenian forces from all occupied Azerbaijani territories.

I would appreciate it if this letter is circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Inal BATU
Permanent Representative